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REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005. Applicants initially note with appreciation the Examiner's continued thorough examination of the application as evidenced by the Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 47 and 48 are allowed and Claims 8, 9, 16, 17, 19, and 20 include allowable subject matter. The Office Action indicates that Claims 8, 9, 16, 17, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In light of the Office Action, Applicants have rewritten Claims 8, 16, and 19 in independent form and amended dependent Claims 3-5 so as to properly depend from Claim 8, and Claims 13 and 14 so as to properly depend from Claim 16. Further, Applicants have canceled rejected Claims 1-2, 10-12, 18, and 21-46. In light of these amendments, the application now includes Claims 3-9, 13-17, 19-20, 47, and 48. Applicants respectfully submit that these remaining claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued as to these claims. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

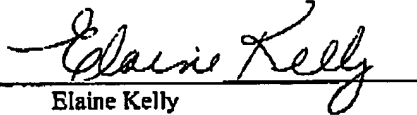


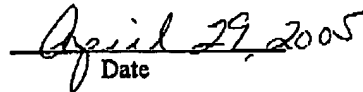
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